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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

SCHRECK et al.

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Atty. Docket No.: 3123-384

For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR PROVIDING A USER
SELECTABLE START-UP
CURRENT IN A DISK DRIVE"

Group Art Unit: 2837

Examiner: Smith, Tyrone W.

**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of three (3) months in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2004, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the period for response from June 30, 2004 to September 30, 2004.

Applicants note that a two-month extension of time (mailed on August 31, 2004) has already been obtained. Accordingly, Applicants have already paid a two-month extension fee in the amount of \$420.00. Therefore, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2198 in the amount of \$530.00 to cover the difference between the two-month extension fee and the three-month extension fee.

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Applicants believe that no other fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

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